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RE: IIJA AML implementation with respect to acid mine drainage

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Feldgus and Acting Director Owens:

As the Department of the Interior and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement work to implement the AML and water restoration projects portion of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), I urge you keep in mind that it was my intent that the Act's AML funds be used broadly to address abandoned mine drainage treatment, and that states and other recipients of the funds be allowed to use them to eliminate iron-orange water in streams and rivers.

I hope that the Interior Department's interpretation of the IIJA's provisions will allow for broad and effective acid mine drainage treatment. I ask for action consistent all applicable law and regulation.

Sincerely,



Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress